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Application of: Dmitry RABKIN, et al.  
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AND/OR RETRIEVING SELF-EXPANDING STENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 13, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 31 of this paper.